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S.B. No. 304

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to coordinating colonia initiatives.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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CHAPTER 775. COORDINATION OF COLONIA INITIATIVES

Sec. 775.001. DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(1) "Agency" includes a state office, institution, or other state governmental entity.

(2) "Colonia" means a geographic area that:

(A) has a majority of its population composed of individuals and families of low income and very low income, based on the federal Office of Management and Budget poverty index; and

(B) is an economically distressed area as defined by Section 17.921, Water Code.

Sec. 775.002. INTERAGENCY COORDINATION OF COLONIA INITIATIVES. (a) The following agencies shall designate an officer or employee of the agency to serve as the agency's coordinator of colonia initiatives:

(1) the office of the attorney general;

(2) the Texas Education Agency;

(3) the Texas Department of Health;

(4) the Texas Department of Housing and Community

Affairs;

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3 (6) the Texas Water Development Board;
4 (7) The University of Texas--Pan American; and
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11 coordinate colonia initiatives within the agency and with the other
12 agencies listed in Subsection (a).

13 (d) The Texas Water Development Board's coordinator of
14 colonia initiatives shall preside over the group of coordinators
15 for purposes of interagency coordination.

16 (e) The group of coordinators shall meet at least
17 semiannually at the call of the Texas Water Development Board's
18 coordinator or according to a schedule established by the group.

19 (f) Representatives of each agency listed in Subsection (a)
20 who are assigned to duty at an office of the agency near the
21 international border of this state and whose assigned duties
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1 offices near the international border may meet together.

2 SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the
3 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
4 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
5 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
6 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
7 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
8 passage, and it is so enacted.

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center
76R2472 DB-D

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By: Truan
Border Affairs - Special
2/15/1999
As Filed

DIGEST

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PURPOSE

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.

1-1 By: Truan, et al.

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1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 1999; February 1, 1999,
1-3 read first time and referred to Special Committee on Border
1-4 Affairs; April 7, 1999, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 7, 1999, sent to printer.)

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2-1 passage, and it is so enacted.

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(SB) SCR SJR SR HB HCR HJR 304
 By Truan
 (Author/Senate Sponsor)
4-7-99
 (date)

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PNV
Senator Lucio, Chair	✓			
Senator Sibley, Vice-Chair	✓			
Senator Bivins			✓	
Senator Duncan			✓	
Senator Shapleigh	✓			
Senator Truan	✓			
Senator Zaffirini	✓			
TOTAL VOTES	5	0	2	0

CHAIRMAN

Paper clip the original and one copy of this signed form to the original bill
Retain one copy of this form for Committee files

WITNESS LIST

SB 304
SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
Border Affairs - Special Committee

March 25, 1999 - 8:00A
THIS LIST HAS NO WITNESSES.

April 6, 1999 - 8:00A
THIS LIST HAS NO WITNESSES.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 76th Regular Session

February 16, 1999

TO: Honorable Eddie Lucio, Chair, Senate Committee on Border Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB304 by Truan (Relating to coordinating colonia initiatives.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 332 Dept Housing-Comm Affairs, 701 Texas Education Agency, 302
Office Of The Attorney General, 582 Nat Resources Conser Comm, 736
The University of Texas at Pan American, 580 Water Development Board,
320 Texas Workforce Commission, 501 Department of Health

LBB Staff: JK, DE, DM

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Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

FEB 01 1999

Read and referred to Committee on

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
BORDER AFFAIRS

APR 07 1999

Reported favorably

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by:

{ unanimous consent
____ yeas, ____ nays

Read second time, _____, and ordered engrossed by:

{ unanimous consent
a viva voce vote
____ yeas, ____ nays

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rule suspended by a vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays.

Read third time, _____, and passed by:

{ A viva voce vote
____ yeas, ____ nays

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER ACTION:

Engrossed

Sent to House

Engrossing Clerk _____

Received from the Senate

Read first time and referred to Committee on _____

Reported ____ favorably (as amended) (as substituted)

Sent to Committee on (Calendars) (Local & Consent Calendars)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend)
by a vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting.

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays, ____ present, not voting)

Returned to Senate.

Returned from House without amendment.

Returned from House with ____ amendments.

Concurred in House amendments by a viva voce vote ____ yeas, ____ nays.

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

_____ Refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences.

_____ Senate conferees instructed.

_____ Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chairman; _____
_____, _____, and _____

_____ House granted Senate request. House conferees appointed: _____, Chairman;
_____, _____, _____

_____ Conference Committee Report read and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

_____ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the House by: _____

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays

_____ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the Senate by:

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays

OTHER ACTION:

_____ Recommitted to Conference Committee

_____ Conferees discharged.

_____ Conference Committee Report failed of adoption by: _____

{ a viva voce vote
_____ yeas, _____ nays